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EXPLANATION.

VARIOUS offices of devotion, designed to honour our Lord's passion and to obtain the grace of a good death, had been often performed in the Gesù at Rome, from the earliest times of the Society of Jesus; and in 1648 a congregation or association for this same holy object was established by the General, Father Vincent Caraffa. Alexander VII. favoured this institution, and encouraged it by several indulgences; Innocent XII. in 1697, and Clement XI. in 1706, approved and confirmed it in the chapels of the Society of Jesus in England. In 1729 Benedict XIII., by an apostolic letter dated September 23d, established a primary or parent Congregation in the Church of the Gesù at Rome, with the title of *Our Lord Jesus Christ expiring on the Cross, and of the*

afflicted Mother, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called the Congregation of the Bona Mors. He enriched this Congregation with many indulgences, and empowered the Generals of the Society of Jesus to establish branch congregations, with the same privileges and indulgences, in the church of any house of the same Society throughout the world. Pius VII. confirmed this grant by a rescript, dated February 6th, 1821; and Leo XIII., by a special rescript, dated January 22d, 1827, still further authorised the Generals of the Society of Jesus to establish branch congregations, not only in churches of their own order, but also in any other churches whatever.

The indulgences thus granted are,

PLENARY INDULGENCES.

On the day of admission into the Congregation of the Bona Mors, for any of the faithful who shall have confessed with true repentance, and received the blessed Eucharist on that day.

At the hour of death, for all members of this Congregation who shall devoutly invoke the sacred name of Jesus, at least in their hearts, if they cannot with their lips.

On any one Friday or Sunday in each month, for all members who, having confessed their sins with true repentance, shall receive the blessed Eucharist in a church wherein this Congregation is established, and shall assist

at the Benediction of the most holy Sacrament, to be given in the evening, or on any other Friday or Sunday in the same month.

On Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Easter Sunday, our Lord's Ascension, Whit Sunday, Trinity Sunday, our Lady's Purification, Assumption, Nativity, and Conception, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Feasts of each of the Apostles, of St. Joseph and of All Saints, for all members who, having confessed with true repentance, shall receive the blessed Eucharist in a church wherein this Congregation is established, and shall there pray, as each one's devotion may suggest, for concord among Christian princes, for the extirpation of heresies, for the conversion of heretics and infidels, for the exaltation of holy mother Church, and for the prosperity of the Sovereign Pontiff.

PARTIAL INDULGENCES.

On any one Friday or Sunday in each month an indulgence of *seven years and forty days*, for all members who shall devoutly assist at the Benediction of the most holy Sacrament, to be given in the evening, and shall pray for the general intentions above mentioned.

At any time, an indulgence of *one year* for all members who shall attend a corpse to the grave, or in case of sickness or other lawful hindrance, shall, on hearing the tolling of the bell, say the *Lord's Prayer* and *Hail Mary* for the soul of the deceased ; or who shall assist at pub-

lic or private assemblies of the congregation, at spiritual conferences, exhortations, and other offices of piety ; or who shall hear Mass on week-days ; or who shall carefully examine their consciences at night before sleep ; or who shall visit prisoners or sick poor in hospitals or private houses.

All members may moreover, *on each day in Lent and on the other days specified in the Roman Missal*, gain all the indulgences granted to those who visit the Roman churches appointed for the *indulgences of the Stations*, if in due dispositions they devoutly visit a church wherein a Congregation of the Bona Mors has been established, and there piously pray some time according to the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

All these indulgences, both plenary and partial, may be applied by way of suffrage to the faithful departed, and may be gained by members in any place where they may be residing, provided they fulfil all the prescribed conditions, as far as circumstances allow.

RULES.

The rules to be observed by all who wish to share in the indulgences of this Congregation and in the communion of good works are :

To be registered as a member by a person duly au-



thorised, and to confess and communicate on the day of admission.

To keep with due reverence a pious image of Christ crucified, and of the Mother of Dolours.

To say thrice every day, with a desire of obtaining a good death for all members of this Congregation, the *Lord's Prayer* and *Hail Mary*, and once the following prayer : *Lord, into thy hands I commend my spirit, and all those who are or shall be in the agony of death. Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, defend us from the enemy, and receive us at the hour of death.* Amen.

To confess and communicate once each month, with a desire of obtaining a good death for all members of this Congregation; and, before quitting the church or chapel after Communion, to say five times the *Lord's Prayer* and *Hail Mary* in honour of our Lord's sacred wounds, and in behalf of all members who are afflicted, sick, dying, or dead.

To be present at the public prayers of this Congregation once each month, or in case of lawful hindrance, to say the same prayers or the beads in private.

To practise some mortification on Fridays in honour of our Lord's passion.

All members are earnestly exhorted to make spiritual retreats according to their convenience, and on Fridays to offer up all their good works and prayers in honour of

our Saviour's passion and our Lady's sorrows, with a desire of obtaining for all members the grace of finding at the hour of death a secure refuge in Christ's sacred wounds.



**PRAYERS FOR OBTAINING A HAPPY DEATH,
THROUGH THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

In nomine Patris  et
Filii et Spiritus Sancti.

Aperi Domine, os nos-
trum ad benedicendum no-
men sanctum tuum: mun-
da quoque cor nostrum ab
omnibus vanis, perversis, et
alienis cogitationibus: in-
tellectum illumina, affec-
tum inflamma, ut digne, at-
tente, ac devote hoc sanc-
tum exercitium peragere
valeamus, et exaudiri me-
reamur ante conspectum di-
vinæ Majestatis tuæ. Qui
vivis et regnas cum Deo
Patre in unitate Spiritus
Sancti Deus, per omnia
sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

In the name of the Fa-
ther,  and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost.

Open thou our mouths,
O Lord, to bless thy holy
name; cleanse our hearts
from all vain, evil, and
distracting thoughts; en-
lighten our understandings
and inflame our wills, that
we may worthily perform
this holy exercise with at-
tention and devotion, and
may deserve to be heard in
the presence of thy divine
Majesty. Who with God
the Father in the unity of
the Holy Ghost liveth and
reigneth God, world with-
out end. Amen.

Kyrie eleison.		Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Christe cleison.</i>		<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.		Lord have mercy on us.
Sancta Maria,		Holy Mary,
<i>Ora pro nobis.</i>		<i>Pray for us.</i>
Omnes sancti Angeli et Archangeli, <i>Orate pro</i> <i>nobis.</i>		All ye holy Angels an- Archangels,
Sancte Abel, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Abel,
Omnis chorus Justorum, <i>Ora.</i>		All ye choir of the Just,
Sancte Abraham, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Abraham,
Sancte Joannes Baptista, <i>Ora.</i>		St. John the Baptist,
Sancte Joseph, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Joseph,
Omnes sancti Patriarchæ et Prophetæ, <i>Orate.</i>		All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
Sancte Petre, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Peter,
Sancte Paule, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Paul,
Sancte Andrea, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Andrew,
Sancte Joannes, <i>Ora.</i>		St. John,
Omnes sancti Apostoli et Evangelistæ, <i>Orate.</i>		All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
Omnes sancti Discipuli Domini, <i>Orate.</i>		All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
Omnes sancti Innocentes, <i>Orate.</i>		All ye holy Innocents,
Sancte Stephane, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Stephen,
Sancte Laurenti, <i>Ora.</i>		St. Lawrence,
Omnes sancti Martyres, <i>Orate.</i>		All ye holy Martyrs,

Pray for us.

Sancte Sylvester,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Sylvester,
Sancte Gregori,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Gregory,
Sancte Augustine,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Austin,
Omnes sancti Pontifices et Confessores,	<i>Orate.</i>	All ye holy bishops and Confessors,
Sancte Benedicte,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Benedict,
Sancte Francisce,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Francis,
Omnes sancti Monachi et Eremitæ,	<i>Orate.</i>	All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
Sancta Maria Magdalena,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Mary Magdalen,
Sancta Lucia,	<i>Ora.</i>	St. Lucy,
Omnes sanctæ Virgines et Viduæ,	<i>Orate.</i>	All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei,		All ye Saints of God,
<i>Intercedite pro nobis.</i>		<i>Intercede for us.</i>
Propitius esto,		Be merciful unto us,
<i>Parce nobis Domine.</i>		<i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Propitius esto,		Be merciful unto us,
<i>Exaudi nos Domine.</i>		<i>Hear us, O Lord.</i>
Propitius esto,		Be merciful unto us,
Ab ira tua,		From thy anger,
Ab periculo mortis,		From the peril of death,
Ab mala morte,		From an evil death,
Ab pœnis inferni,		From the pains of hell,
Ab omni malo,		From all evil,
Ab potestate diaboli,		From the power of the devil,
Per Nativitatem tuam,		By thy Nativity,
<i>Libera nos Domine.</i>		<i>O Lord, deliver us.</i>

Per Crucem et Passi-	By thy Cross and Passion,
onem tuam,	
Per Mortem et Sepultu-	By thy Death and Burial,
ram tuam,	
Per gloriosam Resur-	By thy glorious Resur-
rectionem tuam,	rection,
Per admirabilem Ascen-	By thy admirable As-
sionem tuam,	cension,
Per gratiam Spiritus Sanc-	By the grace of the Holy
ti Paracliti,	Ghost the Paraclete,
In die judicii,	In the day of judgment,
<i>Libera nos Domine.</i>	<i>O Lord, deliver us.</i>
Peccatores,	We sinners,
<i>Te rogamus audi nos.</i>	<i>Beseech thee to hear us.</i>
Ut nobis parcas,	That thou wouldest spare
	us,
Ut ad veram poeniten-	That thou wouldest vouch-
tiam nos perducere	safe to bring us unto
digneris,	true penance,
Ut omnibus fidelibus de-	That thou wouldest vouch-
functis requiem æter-	safe to grant eternal
nam donare digneris,	rest to all the faithful
	departed,
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.

Oremus.

Quæsumus clementiam
tuam, ut famulos tuos gra-
tia tua confirmare digneris,

Te rogamus audi nos.

Let us pray.

We beseech thy clem-
ency, O Lord, that thou
wouldest vouchsafe so to

ut in hora mortis eorum non prævaleat contra eos adversarius, sed cum angelis tuis transitum habere mereantur ad vitam. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Omnipotens et mitissime Deus, qui sitiensi populo fontem viventis aquæ de petra produxisti; educ de cordis nostri duritia lacrymas compunctionis, ut peccata nostra plangere valeamus, et remissionem peccatorum, te miserante, valeamus accipere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

strengthen thy servants in thy grace, that at the hour of death the enemy may not prevail over them, but that they may deserve to pass with thy angels into everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. Amen.

Almighty and most gracious God, who for thy thirsting people didst bring forth from the rock a stream of living water, draw forth from the hardness of our hearts tears of compunction, that we may bewail our sins, and receive remission of them from thy mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, behold, prostrate at thy feet, an ungrateful and perfidious creature. O my God, I have offended thee exceedingly in thought, in word, and in deed. My heinous crimes fixed thee to the bloody cross. To rescue me from eternal dam-

nation, thou didst endure an agony of three hours on Mount Calvary. How much I am displeased with myself, how grieved at having offended thee, a God of infinite goodness, of infinite charity ! I am astonished at thy unwearyed patience in supporting a provoking sinner. With my whole heart I detest my sins ; and because I love thee, and will love thee above all created things, I steadfastly purpose, by the help of thy grace, never more to offend thee, and rather to die than to commit one mortal sin. Amen.

*Jesu dulcissime, in horto
mœstus, Patrem orans, et
in agonia positus, sanguinem
sudorem effundens :
miserere nobis.*

*R. Miserere nostri Do-
mine, miserere nostri.*

*Jesu dulcissime, osculo
traditoris in manus impi-
orum traditus, et tamquam
latro captus et ligatus, et a
discipulis derelictus : mi-
serere nobis.*

*R. Misérere nostri Do-
mine, miserere nostri.*

*O Jesus, who during thy
prayer to the Father in the
garden, wast so filled with
sorrow and anguish that
there came forth from thee
a bloody sweat : have mercy
on us.*

*R. Have mercy on us,
O Lord ; have mercy on us.*

*O Jesus, who wast be-
trayed by the kiss of a tra-
itor into the hands of the
wicked, seized and bound
like a thief, and abandon-
ed by thy disciples : have
mercy on us.*

*R. Have mercy on us,
O Lord ; have mercy on us.*

Jesu dulcissime, ab ini-
quo Judæorum concilio
reus mortis acclamatus, ad
Pilatum tamquam male-
factor ductus, ab iniquo
Herode spretus et delusus :
miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Do-
mine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, vesti-
bus denudatus, et in col-
lumna crudelissime flagel-
latus : miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Do-
mine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, spinis
coronatus, colapis cæsus,
arundine percussus, facie
velatus, veste purpurea
circumdatus, multipliciter
derisus, et opprobriis sa-
turatus : miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Do-
mine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, latroni
Barabbæ postpositus, a Ju-
dæis reprobatus, et ad mor-
tem crucis injuste condem-
natus : miserere nobis.

O Jesus, who by the un-
just council of the Jews
wast sentenced to death, led
like a malefactor before
Pilate, scorned and deri-
ded by the impious Herod :
have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us,
O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast stripped
of thy garments, and most
cruelly scourged at the pil-
lar : have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us,
O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast
crowned with thorns, buf-
feted, struck with a reed,
blindfolded, clothed with a
purple garment, in many
ways derided, and over-
whelmed with reproaches :
have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us,
O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast less
esteemed than the mur-
derer Barabbas, rejected
by the Jews, and unjustly
condemned to the death of
the cross : have mercy on us.

R. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, ligno crucis oneratus, et ad locum supplicii tanquam ovis ad occisionem ductus: miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, inter latrones deputatus, blasphematus et derisus, felle et aceto potatus, et horribilibus tormentis ab hora sexta usque ad horam nonam in ligno cruciatus: miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, in patibulo crucis mortuus, et coram tua sancta Matre lancea perforatus, simul sanguinem et aquam emitens: miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, de cruce depositus, et lacrymis mœstissimæ Virginis Matris

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast loaded with a cross, and led to the place of execution as a lamb to the slaughter: have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast numbered among thieves, blasphemed and derided, made to drink of gall and vinegar, and crucified in dreadful torment from the sixth to the ninth hour: have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who didst expire on the cross, who wast pierced with a lance in presence of thy holy Mother, and from whose side poured forth blood and water: have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast taken down from the cross, and bathed in the tears of thy

tuæ perfusus : miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

Jesu dulcissime, plagi circumdatus, quinque vulneribus signatus, aromatibus conditus, et in sepulchro repositus : miserere nobis.

R. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

V. Vere languores nostros ipse tulit.

R. Et dolores nostros ipse portavit.

Oremus.

Deus, qui pro redemptione mundi nasci voluisti, circumcidi, a Judæis reprobari, a Juda traditore osculo tradi, vinculis alligari, sicut agnus innocens ad victimam duci, atque conspectibus Annæ, Caiphæ, Pilati, et Herodis indecenter offerri, a falsis testibus accusari, flagellis, et colapis cædi, opprobriis vexari, sputis conspui, spi-

most sorrowing Virgin Mother : have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast covered with bruises, marked with the five wounds, embalmed with spices, and laid in the sepulchre : have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

V. He truly hath borne our sorrows.

R. And he hath carried our griefs.

Let us pray.

O God, who for the redemption of the world, didst deign to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews and betrayed by Judas with a kiss, to be bound with fetters and led like an innocent lamb to the slaughter, to be ignominiously brought before Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod, to be accused by false witnesses, to be scourged, buf-

nis coronari, arundine percuti, facie velari, vestibus spoliari, cruci clavis affigi, in cruce levari, inter latrones deputari, felle et aceto potari, et lancea vulnerari : tu Domine, per has sanctissimas poenas tuas quas ego indignus recolo, et per sanctissimam crucem et mortem tuam libera me a poenis inferni, et perducere digneris quo perduxisti latronem tecum crucifixum. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

feted, and reviled, to be spit upon, to be crowned with thorns and struck with a reed, to be blindfolded, to be stripped of thy garments, to be nailed to a cross and raised thereon, to be numbered among thieves, to be made to drink of gall and vinegar, and to be pierced with a lance : do thou, O Lord, by these thy most holy sufferings, which I, thy unworthy servant, commemorate, and by thy most holy cross and death, deliver me from the pains of hell, and vouchsafe to conduct me whither thou didst conduct the penitent thief who was crucified with thee. Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore the sacred wound of thy left foot. I thank thee for the pain which thou didst endure with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy

sufferings and with thy afflicted Mother. I humbly beg pardon for my sins, which I deplore beyond all imaginable evils, because they offend thee, O infinite goodness : and I resolve never more to sin. Vouchsafe to convert all sinners, and to make them understand the heinousness and the enormity of mortal sin.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sancta Mater, istud agas,	Holy Mother, this bestow,
Crucifixi fige plagas	Firmly fix thou in my heart
Cordi meo valide.	Of the Crucified the wounds.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore the sacred wound of thy right foot. I thank thee for the pain which thou didst endure with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy sufferings and with thy afflicted Mother. Grant me strength against all temptations, and prompt obedience in the execution of thy holy will. Comfort, O Jesus, all the poor, the miserable, and the afflicted, all who are tempted or persecuted. Most just Judge, govern those who administer justice, and assist all those who labour in the care of souls.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sancta Mater, istud agas,	Holy Mother, this bestow,
Crucifixi fige plagas	firmly fix thou in my heart
Cordi meo valide.	Of the Crucified the wounds.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore the sacred wound of thy left hand. I thank thee for the pain which thou didst endure with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy sufferings and with thy afflicted Mother. Deliver me from the pains of hell; grant me patience in the adversities of this life, and conformity in all things to thy blessed will. I offer unto thee all my sufferings both of mind and body, in satisfaction for my sins, which have so often deserved eternal torments. Pardon all my enemies, and all those who bear ill will against me. Grant patience to the sick, and restore them to health: and support with thy assisting grace all who are in their agony, that they may not perish.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sancta Mater, istud agas,	Holy Mother, this bestow,
Crucifixi fige plagas	Firmly fix thou in my heart
Cordi meo valide.	Of the Crucified the wounds.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore the sacred wound of thy right hand. I thank thee for the pain which thou didst endure with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy sufferings and with thy afflicted Mother. Grant me a resolute will to seek after all things which concern my salvation. Grant me the grace of final perseverance, that I may secure the enjoy-

ment of that glory which was purchased at the price of thy most precious blood. Grant likewise, O Jesus, peace and relief to the souls in purgatory, and daily advance towards perfection thy holy servants in this world, more especially those who are of this confraternity.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sancta Mater, istud agas,	Holy Mother, this bestow,
Crucifixi fige plagas	Firmly fix thou in my heart
Cordi meo valide.	Of the Crucified the wounds.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore the sacred wound in thy blessed side. I thank thee for the infinite love manifested towards us at the opening of thy sacred heart. Grant me a pure and perfect charity, that loving all things for thy sake, and thee above all things, I may breathe my last in the purest sentiments of divine love. Protect thy holy Catholic Church, direct thy governing Vicar upon earth, all ecclesiastical orders, and all pious persons who are instrumental in the conversion of souls. Preserve in thy holy service all Christian kings and princes. Bring back into the way of salvation all those who have gone astray, whether through malice or ignorance; and subject unto thy sacred yoke all infidels, heretics, and enemies of thy holy name.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be
to the Father, &c.

Sancta Mater, istud agas,	Holy Mother, this bestow,
Crucifixi fige plagas	Firmly fix thou in my heart
Cordi meo valide.	Of the Crucified the wounds.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, God of my heart; by those five wounds which thy love for us inflicted on thee, succour thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Amen.

Most merciful Redeemer; by those unspeakable torments, and by the grief which thou wast pleased to suffer for me, especially when thy soul was separated from thy body, I humbly beseech thee to secure my soul at the hour of its departure, and to comfort me then, as thou didst comfort the penitent thief, with the blessed assurance that I shall be with thee in Paradise. Amen.

THE STABAT MATER.

Stabat Mater dolorosa	The sorrowing Mother stood
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,	Close by the cross in tears,
Dum pendebat Filius.	While thereon her Son was hanging.

Cujus animam gementem,	Her spirit mourning,
Contristatam, et dolentem,	Saddened and grieving,
Pertransivit gladius.	The sword had pierced.

O quam tristis et afflita
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater Unigeniti.

O how afflicted, O how sad
Was that blessed
Mother of the Sole-begot-
ten.

Quæ mœrebat et dolebat,
Pia Mater, dum videbat
Nati pœnas inclyti.

The tender Mother grieved
And mourned, as she saw
The sufferings of her glo-
rious Son.

Quis est homo qui non fle-
ret,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto suppicio ?

Who is the man who had
not wept,
Christ's Mother had he seen
In so much agony ?

Quis non posset contristari,
Piam Matrem contemplari,
Dolentem cum Filio ?

Who would not be with
sadness filled,
Contemplating that kind
Mother
Grieving with her Son ?

Pro peccatis suæ gentis
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.

For the sins of his own
people
Jesus in torment she be-
held,
And with scourges torn.

Vidit suum dulcem Natum
Moriendo desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.

Her own sweet dying Son
Forsaken she beheld,
While his spirit he gave
forth.

**Eia Mater fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.**

**Do thou, O Mother, fount
of love,
Make me the force of grief
to feel,
That I may mourn with
thee.**

**Fac ut ardeat cor meum
In amando Christum
Deum,
Ut sibi complaceam.**

**Make my heart to be in-
flamed
With the love of Christ my
God,
That thereby I him may
please.**

**Sancta Mater, istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.**

**Holy Mother, this bestow,
Firmly fix thou in my heart
Of the Crucified the wounds.**

**Tui Nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati,
Poenas mecum divide.**

**Of thy wounded Son,
Who for me hath deigned
to suffer,
The sufferings with me di-
vide.**

**Fac me vere tecum flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.**

**Make me with thee to truly
weep,
With the Crucified to
impourn,
So long as I shall live.**

Juxta crucem tecum stare,
Et me tibi sociare
In planctu desidero.

Near the cross with thee to stand,
And with thee in grief To share, I yearn.

Virgo virginum præclara,
Mihi jam non sis amara,
Fac me tecum plangere.

Virgin of all virgins bright-
est,

Fac ut portem Christi
mortem,
Passionis fac consortem,
Et plagas recolere.

Make me the death of
Christ to bear,
Make me in his passion
share,
And bear in mind his
wounds.

**Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Fac me cruce inebriari,
Et crux Fili.**

To be wounded with his
wounds,
In thy Son's cross to be
absorbed,
And in his blood.

**Flammis ne urar succensus
Per te Virgo, sim defensus
In die judicii.**

That I may not burn in
flames,
By thee may I defended be,
O Virgin, on the judgment-
day.

**Christe, cum sit hinc exire,
Da per Matrem me venire
Ad palmam victoriarum.**

O Christ, when hence I
must depart,
Through thy Mother let
me come
Unto the palm of victory.

**Quando corpus morietur,
Fac ut animæ donetur
Paradisi gloria. Amen.**

**When from the body life
departs,
Let unto the soul be given
Glory in Paradise above.
Amen.**

Let us say thrice the *Our Father* and thrice the *Hail Mary*, in memory of the three hours our Redeemer hung upon the cross, for the souls of the faithful departed of this Congregation.

Let us say once the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*, for those who are in the deplorable state of mortal sin.

Let us likewise say once the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*, for the person of this Congregation who is next to die, that he may depart happily, strengthened with the holy Sacraments of the Church.

Let us dispose ourselves, by acts of perfect contrition and of pure love of God, to receive profitably the Benediction of our Lord and Saviour in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar.

O merciful Redeemer, and God of infinite patience; great is my confusion at appearing in thy divine presence, because I have so frequently preferred contemptible creatures before

thee, the Almighty Creator of the universe. I utterly detest my presumption in sinning in thy most pure sight. I acknowledge that I am a criminal, and I plead guilty at the bar of thy dread tribunal. Thou mightest have been glorified in thy justice by striking me suddenly dead, and by condemning me to eternal flames for the base indignities I have offered thee; but thou wast pleased to be glorified in the high prerogative of thy mercy, by recalling me to repentance. I abhor all my crimes of thought, of word, and of deed, not merely for the fear of punishment, and for the hope of reward, but chiefly for thy sake, and because thou dost infinitely detest them. O God of majesty and mercy, look upon the sacred marks in thy hands, feet, and side, which thou dost still retain in thy glorified body, that they may plead in my behalf. By that tender love which induced thee to create, to redeem, and to sanctify me, unite thy infinite merits to my profound misery. Strengthen my weakness, confirm this my resolution of never more offending thee; rather let me lose every thing, even life itself, than lose thy favour by mortal sin. My heart was created for thee, and I love thee better than myself. Every day of my life, and especially that on which I shall expire, I will strive to love and to serve thee for thy own sake, my God and my

Creator. O Saviour of perishing mankind, who openest thy hand, and fillest every creature with benediction, give me now such a blessing as thou didst bestow on thy beloved disciples, when ascending in triumph from the mountain of Olives ; that I may live and die in these happy dispositions. Amen.



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